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SUBJ: VORSTER SAYS SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT QUIT UN

1. IN STATEMENT RELEASED LATE NIGHT OCTOBER 6, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SAID SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM UNITED NATIONS. VORSTER SAID: QTEMTONIGHT'S RESOLUTION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN HEREAFTER TO ALLOW DR. MULLER TO DELIVER HIS SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEREBY SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IS NOT AFFECTED, RESEMBLES PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. AN ANALYSIS OF THE VOTING SHOWS RATHER CLEARLY THAT THE RESPONSIBLE COUNTRIES AND STATES DID NOT VOTE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES SOUTH AFRICA WILL, AS IN THE PAST, CONTINUE ITS MEMBERSHIP AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES, PUT ITS CASE AND STAND ON ITS RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. I AM OF THE OPINION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF CERTAIN AGENCIES OF THE BODY, THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF SOUTH AFRICA TO MAINTAIN ITS MEMBERSHIP. IF THE CHAIRMAN

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RULED DIFFERENTLY OR IF FUTURE CHAIRMEN SHOULD GIVE A DIFFERENT

RULING, BECAUSE THE COMEDY WILL REPEAT ITSELF, SOUTH AFRICA
WILL HAVE NO OPTION OTHER THAN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANISATION
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SELF-RESPECT. UNQTE.

2. VORSTER'S STATEMENT CAME AFTER FEAR HAD BEEN EXPRESSED HERE
BY PRESS AND PRIVATELY BY HIGH-LEVEL SAG OFFICIALS THAT IF
EVENTS AT UN TOOK HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE TURN (E.G., HAD FONMIN
MULLER BEEN PREVENTED FROM SPEAKING), SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE
PULLED OUT OF THE WORLD BODY.
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